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**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL ACCEPTING  
ENTRY-LEVEL FIREFIGHTER APPLICATIONS**

**TRENTON, NJ**—The New Jersey Department of Personnel will continue to accept applications for the entry-level Firefighter exam until September 21, 2006. The announcement for this position was first posted May 1 of this year. The test was last administered in 2003-2004.

Submitting the entry-level firefighter application is the first step to a career as a firefighter in hundreds of towns and cities throughout New Jersey.

“I urge our young men and women to ‘answer the call’ by considering a career as a firefighter—it is one of the most exciting, challenging and rewarding professions one can choose,” said Personnel Commissioner Rolando Torres, Jr. “New Jersey needs more hometown heroes,” he added.

Although the application filing date has been extended, the closing date for meeting eligibility requirements of the entry-level firefighter test remains August 31, 2006.

The entry-level firefighter examination process includes three phases: a written cognitive test, a video-based, situational judgment test, and a physical performance test. Applicants must pass each part before continuing on to the next step. If any part of the testing process is failed, the applicant will be disqualified.

Candidates who pass the examination are placed on eligible lists for two years based on residency and veteran’s preference. Additionally, there is a new category that factors into ranking: the children of firefighters who died in the line of duty. Those applicants get secondary preference after veteran’s preference.

Applications and filing instructions are available at [www.state.nj.us/personnel/](http://www.state.nj.us/personnel/). A limited number of copies may also be picked up at local fire departments, public libraries, and statewide NJ Department of Labor Employment Offices. The cost of processing the application is \$35, which must be included with the application.

The firefighter exam is tentatively scheduled for winter of 2006 into 2007. For more information, visit [www.state.nj.us/personnel/](http://www.state.nj.us/personnel/).

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